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## BEVIN'S VISIT TO STALIN

Moscow, Mar. 24. Mr. Bevin, British Foreign Secretary, visited Stalin at the Kremlin tonight.

Mr. Bevin was accompanied by the British Ambassador, Sir Maurice Peterson, and the visit is officially described as a courtesy visit.

There are, however, naturally no limits to what two statesmen may discuss during such a meeting, says Reuters' Diplomatic Correspondent.

Mr. Bevin told M. Molotov two days ago that he would like to see Stalin.

Speculation will naturally centre mainly around the possibility that extension and revision of the Anglo-Soviet Alliance came up for discussion. There is no suggestion that conversations in the Alliance are so urgent that immediate completion cannot be delayed, but it is assumed that they will be held in Moscow before Mr. Bevin leaves.

Apart from any possible reference to treaty revision, the following are considered the most probable subjects of mutual interest to the two statesmen.

On Stalin's side:

1.—Definition of British policy in the conduct of Anglo-Soviet relations in the light of President Truman's speech and his proclamation of "American policy of economic intervention to halt the expansion of world Communism."

2.—Definition of the significance of the recent fifty years' Alliance between France and England.

3.—Any subjects arising out of the current conference discussions on Germany.

On Mr. Bevin's side:

1.—General definition of intention towards fulfillment of the Anglo-Soviet Alliance and towards Britain's request that it should be extended to a fifty-year alliance.

2.—The possibility of reaching an international understanding between the Allies in order to avoid the major Allies taking sides in civil wars or potential civil wars by encouraging rival elements as instruments of foreign policy.

3.—Any subjects arising out of the current discussions on Germany.—Reuter.

## BOMB THREAT TO CONSULATES

Alexandria, Mar. 25. Anonymous letters in Arabic, threatening to blow up the Consular premises within a week if they do not host the Egyptian flag, have been received by both the British and United States Consulates. The letters were signed: "The Committee of Liberation."

Egyptian army troops are now guarding the entrances to these consulates as well as to the Swedish Consulate, which received a similar letter a few days ago.—Reuter.

## U.S. Warships For Greece, Turkey?

Washington, Mar. 24. The Secretary of the Navy, Mr. James Forrestal, today revealed that the transfer of American warships to Greece and Turkey was being considered as part of the United States' proposed anti-Communist aid to those Mediterranean states.

Mr. Forrestal also upheld forcefully the Navy's plan to send a task force into Greek and Turkish waters next month. He said the Navy wanted people in foreign nations everywhere to "so accustom themselves to the sight of the American flag that it will not be conspicuous wherever it is sent."

He disclosed that the Turks had already received some surplus American mineweepers and that both the Turks and the Greeks had asked additional naval aid. He said he did not believe the ships should be handed over without "affirmative action" by Congress.

Mr. Forrestal also said the Navy planned to send a mission to Greece and Turkey. Senator Pepper then asked if this meant the American fleet was being used for "political purposes." The Secretary answered that U.S. naval policy was simply to "keep the sea

## Award For Hong Kong Portuguese

London, Mar. 25. Richard Malig and Emundo de Silva, two constables in the Hong Kong Police Force, have been awarded the British Empire Medal.

The citation states that when the upper floors of a bomb-damaged house in Hong Kong collapsed and four persons were trapped in the kitchen of the ground floor, the two constables dug through the fallen debris and after working for more than half an hour managed to extract them. Had a further fall occurred during this attempt the constables would have sustained serious if not fatal injuries. By their rapid and gallant action, Malig and de Silva were responsible for saving the lives of the persons they extricated.

The British Empire Medal is also awarded to Mrs. Albert Richard Baron, lately British resident in Malaya, and Thomas Harding Young, Adjunct (now Major) of the Salvation Army, for services to internees in Java during enemy occupation, and Rosa Bin Ahmad, dresser at a dispensary in Kuala Lumpur, and Mat Isa Bin Mohamed, Sub-Inspector of the Kuala Lumpur Police Force, Malaya, for services to the forces during military operations in Malaya prior to 3rd September, 1945.—Reuter.

## K.C. Found Shot Dead

Berkhamstead, Herts, Mar. 24. Hearing a shot, and dashing into his dressing room, the wife of Owen Latham Bateson found the prominent K.C. lying on the floor badly wounded in the head and face.

He was only able to say "accident" before he collapsed. He died later in hospital.

The K.C. had been cleaning a 16-bore gun which had been lent to a friend and returned in a somewhat dirty condition. By the side of the gun was a cleaning rod.

He was the fourth son of the late Justice Bateson. He leaves four young sons.—Reuter.

A fork of a flour shop at 35 South Wall Street, Kowloon, was kidnapped at 7.45 p.m. yesterday, apparently in mistake for his employer, by seven men who broke into the premises and took \$40 in cash.

## U.S. Navy's New Guns

Washington, Mar. 24. The United States Navy today gave the public a brief peep at home of its new guns. An official announcement told of new automatic heavy guns which would fire four times faster than those that won the war. Eight-inch turret guns incorporate rapid-fire automatic, handling features previously found only in smaller calibres.

New Navy ships will have guns which will be automatic from the ammunition handling rooms to the gun muzzles. Three cruisers now under construction will have nine eight-inch guns in three turrets.

# JAPANESE REPARATIONS

## Three Nations Begin Inspection Tour

### Restitution Of Looted Goods

Tokyo, Mar. 25. The wheels of the cumbersome machinery which will finally award Japanese reparations to claimant nations began to turn slowly in Tokyo today.

The reparations delegations of three nations—China, the Philippines and Australia—are now being conducted on inspection tours throughout Japan to thermal power and machine tool plants.

Reparations delegations from four other nations—France, Canada, the Netherlands and Russia—are either in or en route to Japan.

Only the United States, Britain, New Zealand and India have not yet officially answered the SCAP invitation to send reparations missions.

A plan to supplement the delegations with Far Eastern Commission experts is now being worked out.

In the absence of a specific Washington directive on reparations, representatives here are concentrating on looted property restitution and on Japanese patents and copyrights.

What action is being taken is regarded as the direct result of General MacArthur's forthright declaration that Japanese reparations must be settled as soon as possible and transmission to SCAP by the Far Eastern Commission of the minimum Japanese industrial level.

China's Hope

Although some nations, notably China, are known to regard the possibility of reparations in kind, high SCAP officials doubted if any of Japan's small gold reserve would be used for that purpose.

SCAP's Economic and Scientific Section has submitted a plan to Washington, by which some of Japan's wealth in precious metals and jewels, impounded in the vaults of the Bank of Japan, could be converted to buy raw materials to revive ailing Japanese industry.

Now that the minimum level has been set, the prevailing thought is to get Japanese industry to reach that level as quickly as possible.

Japan's Treasure

The United Press learned from an authoritative source that the gold in the Bank of Japan's vaults totals slightly more than 180,000,000 fine grams, valued at close to US\$205,000,000.

In addition there is approximately US\$45,800,000 worth of silver and US\$4,700,000 worth of platinum. There are also close to US\$24,500,000 worth of diamonds, plus pearls and precious stones valued at US\$24,000,000. These values are based on New York wholesale market prices during the first six months of 1946.—United Press.

## BRITAIN LEADS THE WORLD

London, Mar. 25. Great Britain built more than half of the world's merchant shipping launched during 1946, Lloyd's Register statistics showed today.

The Lloyd's figures showed 747 vessels of over 100 gross tons were built throughout the world during the year amounting to 2,127,421 gross tons. Great Britain built 1,133,245 tons which represented 53.3 per cent of the total.

The United States is the second largest builder producing 601,204 tons of shipping. Other leaders were Sweden, 149,875 tons; Canada, 71,898 tons; and Italy, 61,742.—United Press.

## Wanted: A Slump And Suicides

Birmingham, Mar. 25. "We should be a better country if all the professors of our universities spent 12 to 18 months digging coal or ploughing the land when they were young," said Mr. E. Lines, chairman and managing director of the Universal Steel Company, at the Federation of British Industries conference today.

Mr. Lines said what Britain needed was a "damned good slump" and "more suicides among the heads of businesses" because the "country is suffering from too much security."

"What we want is fear. To my mind it would be better if there were a few more suicides among the heads of businesses as there used to be rather than among workers for fear of losing their jobs. What we need is a damned good slump," he said.—United Press.

## Three Were A Perfect Family

Genoa, Mar. 25. Vasco Cavallero was sentenced to a year in prison today for bigamy despite the protests of his two wives who told the court that the three "formed a perfect family."

Vasco was summoned on a charge of bigamy by his first wife, Amelia Pauqua, and amazed the court when he presented himself with both Amelia and his second wife. Amelia told the court she "changed her mind" after all three had lived together.

Vasco married Amelia in 1932 and abandoned her when she went to a mental hospital. He then went to live with Angiolina Bossi.

Following the bombing of Milan, Vasco claimed an unidentified body as that of his first wife and subsequently married Angiolina. When Amelia was released from hospital she learned she was "officially dead" and in a rage sued Vasco. Later she went to live with him and his second wife and withdrew the suit.

The court however prosecuted Vasco, found him guilty of bigamy, sentenced him to one year in jail and annulled his second marriage.—United Press.

## HONG KONG OUT OF LUCK

Dublin, Mar. 25. Hong Kong did not even draw one of the numerous consolation prizes in the fabulous Irish Hospitals Sweepstake drawn here yesterday.

The only prizes coming to the Far East were drawn by "Saturday China" and Mohd Yassin of Singapore.—United Press.

## Chiang Swings The Big Stick

Nanking, Mar. 24. Addressing the closing session of the third plenary session of the Kuomintang's Central Executive Committee, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek said the next nine months will mark the turning point for the Kuomintang and will mean life or death for the party.

Chiang said that measures for the improvement of foreign relations should be given first priority in implementation. He asked members to take into account the particular situation in China and the conditions in foreign countries in determining Chinese national policy.

The Generalissimo asked for criticism within the Kuomintang to promote progress, but said the criticism should be constructive. He denied charges made during the plenary session by CEC members that T. Y. Soong's administration had been corrupt but said the former premier's policies had not always been the best.

He urged Party members to unite solidly and make a successful mission of the National Revolution.

Observers see in Chiang's speech another mild swinging of his big stick to put the party members in line following the recent outburst of scathing attacks by CC Clique members against T. Y. Soong's group as well as the Political Science group under the Executive Governor, General Chang Chun.—United Press.

## Manifesto Issued

Nanking, Mar. 25. The Executive Committee of the Kuomintang issued a manifesto today calling for a fight to a finish against "the Communist rebellion" but are holding out some hope of an eventual settlement.

The statement declared the Communists were "the greatest obstacles to national unity and enforcement of the constitution."

After the completion of the projected Government reorganization, the Kuomintang will co-operate with the minority parties to "crush the Communist rebellion, protect the existence of the Chinese race and deliver the populace from its present privations."

It concluded: "By carrying on the fight against the Communists, to convince them of the unreliability of their armed strength, they eventually may change their minds, cease destructive activities and become a lawful party"—Associated Press.

## Reds Illegal

Nanking, Mar. 25. The Minister of Information, Mr. Peng Hsueh-fel, announced at a press conference today that the Chinese Communist Party is now considered illegal and will remain so until it laid down arms.

He was commenting on the recent Kuomintang Central Executive Committee's resolution that "the Kuomintang will cooperate with all peace-minded and legal political parties within the country."—Reuter.

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## NEW THREAT TO FLOODED FENS

London, Mar. 25. Wind-lashed waters pounded at the embankments on the Bedford River last night threatening to loose another torrent of water upon the flooded rich Fenland farming district of eastern England.

Hundreds of troops and civilian workmen were rushed to the danger point by boats and army "ducks."

The river is tidal, and a break in the embankment would spread the flood, already covering thousands of acres, into wide new areas of some of Britain's best farmlands.

One thousand troops and 3,000 prisoners of war delivered relief supplies in York and in North-East England and the Midlands.

All-out military efforts to stem the flood waters surging through the two gaps in the Dune in the Fenland district near Ely were being made today. These two breaches alone have led to the flooding of 130 square miles of rich fen to an average depth of three or four feet.

The normally slow flowing Oder which now forms the eastern boundary between Germany and Poland was described as a "raging torrent." The river jumped its banks during the spring thaw of the past few days.

Russian Army troops with amphibious vehicles and pontoons are reported to be working side by side with Germans to evacuate victims and erect make-shift dykes.

The river flooded approximately 175,000 acres and is still spreading, officials reported.—United Press.

## THE WEATHER

Today's Forecast: Moderate NE winds; fair and mild during the day.

Minimum: 11.5 deg. Feb. Maximum: 22.5 deg. Feb. Rainfall: 10.8 hours. Sunshine: 10.8 hours.

Readings at 10 a.m. 4 p.m. Baro. at msl.: 1025.5 1015.4 m.b. Temp.: 32.2 55.10 inches. Humidity: 88 68 % Dew Point: 57 58 deg. F. Wind Direction: E E Wind Force: 15 10 knots.

Thames Valley

Troops worked throughout the night in York to save the waterworks from flooding and today carried men and women to work in collapsible boats. They have distributed food from high lorries to those marooned in bedrooms.

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# LIFE SENTENCE FOR TERRORIST

Leung Yan-hong, who was yesterday unanimously found guilty on charges of being in possession of a detonator, keeping an explosive with intent to endanger life and property, conspiracy to utter letters demanding money and with attempting to utter letters demanding money with menaces, was sentenced to imprisonment for life by His Lordship the Chief Justice, Sir Henry Blackall.

Accused, who did not seem to understand what a life sentence meant, asked, before he left the dock, how many years he had to serve.

When the case commenced yesterday morning, Sir Henry asked the accused if the Overseas Youth Action Organization had arranged for his defence. Accused replied that he was not a member of the Organization.

Mr. A. Lansdale, who prosecuted, opened the case for the Crown by quoting extracts from Kenny on the subject of "attempts", after which he stated it was the contention of the Crown in this case that a conspiracy occurred outside the territory of Hong Kong and that conspiracy was to utter letters demanding money without reasonable or probable cause in Hong Kong. The accused came to this Colony with those letters under certain circumstances, in doing so, he was guilty of an overt act in furtherance of the conspiracy. Mr. Lansdale said that although a conspiracy occurred outside the Colony, an overt act within the Colony rendered the person committing such overt act guilty of conspiracy within the Colony.

Proceeding with the facts of the case, Mr. Lansdale said that when the express train arrived at Tsimshatsui Police Station at about 3.30 p.m. on Feb. 1, among the crowd of passengers, a Revenue Officer noticed accused carrying an overcoat over his arm. The Revenue Officer stopped accused and searched him. In two different parts of the overcoat two sticks of explosive were found.

## "Know I Will Die"

Whilst waiting the arrival of their Senior Officer, the accused said: "I know I will die, so might as well hand you this." He then threw down on the table a detonator. While at the charge room, he was further searched and 43 letters were found in his socks, as well as two wooden chopsticks and a note book. One of the wooden chopsticks bore the inscription "Overseas Youth Action Organization" and the other "Wing Fung Hong Sugar and Flour Dealers, Hong Kong."

Captain P. J. O'Connell, R.M. testified regarding experiments carried out by him on Feb. 5 within certain explosive substances handled to him and gave his opinion as to the effects which would result if these explosives were thrown into a room or café. Mr. John Redman, Government Chemist said that on Feb. 6, he received a packet from Sub-Inspector White. He examined the contents and found them to be one ounce of TNT in stick form.

Professor Ma Kiam, Lecturer in Chinese at Hong Kong University, testified as to the handwriting of the threatening letters and also to the handwriting in the note book found on accused and that which had been written by accused at the dictation of the Police. Professor Ma said that the handwriting in the letters was not the same as that in accused's note book, but that the handwriting in the note book and that written by accused at the dictation of the Police was similar.

## Accused's Statement

Hui Kwok Kau, Manager of the Sun Sun Hotel said that he did not know the Overseas Youth Action Organization or a person named Chan Chuen, Hui said that he did not know of any reason why he should pay the money demanded in the letter addressed to his Hotel. It would certainly be injurious to his business to have a bomb placed in the premises. Inspector Whant said that after accused had been duly cautioned, he made the following statement: "The letters found in my possession, 42 in number, I brought to Hong Kong from Canton for posting. The dynamite I was going to put in the Man Kwok Restaurant. I have nothing further to say."

In answer to a further question, which accused was informed that he was not under any obligation to answer, he said: "The Man Kwok Restaurant is in Wellington Street, Hong Kong. After Sin Chung Yit, a member of the C.I.D., who was attached to the Squad dealing with terrorist activities in Kowloon and Yu Kau Yuen, Interpreter, had given evidence, Mr. Lansdale informed that the case for the Crown was closed."

Accused, who elected to make a statement from the dock, said that he carried the letters and explosives for someone else, in order to earn money. Without retiring, the jury re-

turned a unanimous verdict of guilty. Accused pleaded for leniency, but Mr. Lansdale in stressing the seriousness of the offence and the increasing frequency of incidents, asked that the severest sentence provided by law be passed. Sentencing accused, Sir Henry Blackall said:

## Law Inadequate

"You have been found guilty on the clearest of evidence of trying to blackmail hotel people in Hong Kong under the threat of bombing and you brought with you an extremely dangerous explosive to carry out your devilish purpose. Even if your own story is true, you were prepared, for some money, to threaten and blow up people in this city. The citizens of Hong Kong have, for some months past, been undergoing threats from this tyrannous association and I agree with the Crown Counsel that you and everybody else who tries to carry out orders of the Overseas Youth Action Organization deserves the severest penalty. On the second count, namely, that of keeping an explosive with intent to endanger life and property, which is the most serious one, you will go to prison for life. On the fourth and fifth counts, two years each, the sentences to run concurrently."

After sentence had been passed, His Lordship pointed out that the sentence provided by law for attempting to utter threatening letters was totally inadequate and that if it had not been for the fact that accused had carried an explosive, the maximum sentence would only have been two years. Mr. Lansdale agreed.

## Fish Dealer Fined

Keung Sui, 30, fish dealer, was fined \$200 for conveying fish without the permission of the Fisheries Department and Tong Hing, 36, driver of lorry 5727, was fined \$100 for aiding and abetting, by Mr. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday. Sui, Wheeler, prosecuting, stated that the lorry was stopped in Tai Po Road, near Castle Peak Road, at 10.45 a.m. on March 24, with 685 catches of fish on board. When asked to produce a covering permit, accused were unable to do so. The fish, continued Sui, Wheeler, was handed to Mr. Au Yeung-him, Chief Inspector of the Fisheries Department, and auctioned at Tai Po Market for \$389.87.

The amount realised was ordered to be confiscated to the Fishery Department.

Rio de Janeiro, Mar. 24. The Brazilian Foreign Office, together with the War and Air Ministries, today issued a statement that Brazil would in no way intervene in the Paraguayan revolt, either by supplying arms or by offering refuge to fleeing political or army leaders.—Reuter.

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GEO. T. LLOYD,  
General Secretary.

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LOCATED AT PLUMBERS SHOP, MAIN WHARF OF TAIKOO DOCKYARD & ENGINEERING CO., LTD.  
Lot 30 Piping ammonia 1" 800 ft.

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LOCATED AT ENGINEERS STORES BASE DEPOT, CHATHAM ROAD, KOWLOON.  
Lot 33 Sheets corrugated iron 1,025  
Lot 34 Timber assd... 20 tons

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4. Passes and Tender Forms may be obtained from the British Stores Disposal Board, Headquarters Land Forces, Victoria Barracks. (Entrance 60 yards west of Queen's Road Entrance to Barracks).  
5. Tenders must be deposited with the Board in sealed packets and marked "Tender No. 11" and addressed to the Chairman.  
6. Closing date for Tenders:—12 noon, Thursday 3rd April, 1947.  
7. The Chairman of the British Stores Disposal Board (Hong Kong) does not bind himself to accept the highest or any Tender.  
WALTER H. WEINBERGER,  
Chairman,  
British Stores Disposal Board (Hong Kong)

## THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.

### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS PROPOSED ISSUE OF NEW SHARES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT it is the present intention of the Board of Directors of the above Company in accordance with the terms of the Special Resolution passed on the 25th day of May, 1923, to offer as soon as possible after the 21st day of April, 1947, 100,000 new shares of the nominal value of \$25.00 each being the present unissued capital of the Company. (In the proportion of one new share for every complete number of three shares held by them respectively) to the persons who on the 21st day of April, 1947, are registered in the Company's share register as the holders of the 300,000 issued shares in the capital of the Company at a premium of \$25.00 per share and so that on the acceptance of the offer the nominal amount due in respect of each such new share plus the said premium of \$25.00 per share (making \$50.00 per share) shall be payable in full.

The offer will be made by Notice sent by post to each shareholder specifying the number of shares to which the shareholder is entitled and limiting the time within which the offer if not accepted either on behalf of such shareholder or his nominee will be deemed to be declined.

The offer of new shares to shareholders whose registered addresses is in the Far East must be accepted on or before the 30th day of June, 1947, and the offer to shareholders registered as resident elsewhere must be accepted on or before the 30th day of September, 1947, and such new shares when allotted will rank for dividend as on and from the 1st day of July, 1947, and the 1st day of October, 1947, respectively.

Any of the shares which shall not be taken up by the Company's shareholders in manner aforesaid shall be disposed of in such manner and at such time or times and upon such terms as the Company's Directors shall in their absolute discretion see fit.

No shareholder shall be entitled to claim for a fraction of an additional share in respect of any odd issued share held by him.

By Order of the Board of Directors.  
B. C. FIELD,  
Secretary.  
Hong Kong, 26th March, 1947.

## TRIAL OF MAJOR GENERAL TANAKA RYOSABURO

ATTENTION H.K.V.D.C., ALL MEMBERS OF ARMED FORCES or CIVILIANS present in HONG KONG at time of JAPANESE ATTACK

Information is required from any eye witness, by War Crimes Investigation Team, respecting the Japanese attack on:—

(A) Repulse Bay, December 19-23, 1941;  
(B) Eucliff, Repulse Bay, December 19-23, 1941.

In addition it would be appreciated if anyone having information respecting:

(a) The bayonetting of wounded and/or captives on the Island Road near the Lion Light just west of Deep Water Bay any time between December 18-25, 1941;  
(b) The bayonetting of captives and wounded at Over Bay or The Ridge, Repulse Bay Road south of Wong Nei Chung Gap, December 19-24, 1941;  
(c) The killing of captives and wounded at Sai Wan Hill and Salsesian Mission, December 18-19, 1941.

would get in touch with War Crimes Investigation Team, Telephone 34048.

WAR CRIMES  
INVESTIGATION TEAM  
Hong Kong, 25th March, 1947.

## THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the FIFTY-FIFTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on MONDAY, 21st April, 1947, at NOON for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1946.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be closed from TUESDAY, 8th April, 1947, to MONDAY, 21st April, 1947, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
B. C. FIELD,  
Secretary.  
Hong Kong, 26th March, 1947.

## CHINA ENTERTAINMENT & LAND INVESTMENT CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Thirteenth Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, King's Theatre Building, 5th floor, on Monday, the 31st day of March, 1947, at 12 o'clock noon, to receive the Directors' Report and Accounts as at 31st December, 1946, to elect Directors and Auditors and to transact such other business as may be properly transacted at an Ordinary General Meeting of the Company.

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER HEREBY GIVEN that the Register and Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 24th to the 31st day of March, 1947 both days inclusive.

GEORGE Y. K. SUN,  
Secretary.  
Hong Kong, 22nd March 1947.

## HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION

### ORDINARY YEARLY GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly General Meeting of the Shareholders of the Corporation will be held at the Head Office of the Corporation, 1 Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong, on Friday, the 28th day of March, 1947, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving and considering the reports of the Directors and of the Auditors and the Profit and Loss Account and Balance Sheet for the year ending 31st December, 1946, and for the election of Directors and the appointment of Auditors.

The Register of Shares of the Corporation will be closed from Monday, the 10th March, 1947 to Friday the 28th March, 1947 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board.  
A. MORSE,  
Chief Manager.  
Hong Kong, 20th Feb., 1947.

## THE BANK OF CANTON, LTD.

### Ordinary Yearly General Meeting

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly General Meeting of Shareholders of the Company will be held at the Head Office of the Company, 6 Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong, on Saturday, the 29th March, 1947, at 8:00 p.m. for the purpose of receiving and considering the reports of the Directors and of the Auditors and the Profit and Loss Account and Balance Sheet for the year ending 31st December, 1946, and for the appointment of Auditors and declaration of dividends.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be closed from the 20th day of March to 29th March, 1947 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares will be registered.

By Order of the Board,  
D. S. YUAN,  
Chief Manager.  
Hong Kong, 20th March, 1947.

## LAMMERT BROS. Auctioneers, Surveyors and Appraisers. Pedder Building. Telephone No. 20224.

**PUBLIC AUCTION**  
The Undersigned have received instructions from the Custodian of Property to sell by Public Auction on

Wednesday the 26th March 1947 commencing at 10.00 a.m.

at their Sales Rooms, Pedder Building, Basement.

275 LOTS OF MISCELLANEOUS ARTICLES, comprising:—  
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The above-mentioned articles will be open for inspection at their respective godowns on 24th and 25th March, 1947, between 10.00 a.m. and noon and between 2.00 p.m. and 4.00 p.m. Inspection Permits will be issued by the Undersigned at their Auction Rooms.

The Auction is subject to the Conditions of Sale published in the Hong Kong (British Military Administration) Gazette Volume 2, No. 12, of 9th March, 1946.

LAMMERT BROS., Auctioneers.

## SALARIES COMMISSION

The Salaries Commission at its first meeting on 24th March, 1947, agreed to invite Heads of Government Departments, recognised Civil Service Associations, the Chambers of Commerce, commercial and industrial organisations and individual members of the Government Service or of the public to make such representations as they might think fit regarding the Government civil service in Hong Kong with reference to:

- (a) Salaries and all other forms of emoluments and allowances;
- (b) terms of leave, passages and medical treatment;
- (c) superannuation;
- (d) any other matters relevant to the enquiry now being made by the Commission under the terms of reference published in the press on 21st March, 1947.

In view of the need that the Commission's recommendations should be completed at the earliest possible date, organisations and persons are invited to submit a short statement on matters on which they wish to express views or to offer evidence; such representations should be forwarded to the Secretaries, Salaries Commission, Colonial Secretariat, Hong Kong, as soon as possible and in any case not later than 12th April, 1947.

P. C. M. SEDGWICK,  
I. S. WAN,  
Secretaries to the Salaries Commission.  
Hong Kong, 25th March, 1947.

## Service Auction Rooms

Auctioneers, Surveyors, etc. Basement, French Bank Bldg. A.E.B. Co. Auctioneers. Telephone 21877.

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## PUBLIC AUCTION

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at their Sales Rooms, Pedder Building, Basement.

24 LOTS OF MISCELLANEOUS ARTICLES, comprising:—

Steam Driven Pumps, Wood Planing Machine, Crushers, Steam Engine, Tyre Retreading Machine, Mould Rings, Silver Cups, Bowls & Dish, Etc., Etc.

The above-mentioned articles will be open for inspection at the Royal Naval Dockyard, Aberdeen, Hong Kong & Shanghai Hotel Ltd's Garage, Stubbs Road, and Lammert Brothers' Auction Rooms, Pedder Building, Basement, on 24th and 25th March, 1947, between 10.00 a.m. and noon and between 2.00 p.m. and 4.00 p.m. Inspection Permits will be issued by the Undersigned at their Auction Rooms.

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## PUBLIC AUCTION

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

Thursday the 27th March 1947 commencing at 2.30 p.m.

at their Sales Rooms, Pedder Building, Basement.

150 LOTS OF SURPLUS ARMY WELFARE SPORTS GOODS & GENERAL STOCKS, comprising:—

Association Foot Balls, Volley Balls, Basket Balls, Water Polo Balls, Punching Balls, Soft Balls, Base Balls, Squash Balls, Various Ball: Bladders, Ball Pumps, Basket Ball Rings, Nets, Table Tennis & Badminton Rackets, Tennis Rackets, Hockey Sticks, Base Ball Bats, Cricket Bats, Cricket Stumps, Foot Ball & Boxing Boots, Boxing Gloves, Shin Pads, Leg Guards, Various Games, Leather Wallets & Photo Frames, Smoking Pipes, Cigarette Decalcators, Fish Reels, Metal & Canvas Folding Chairs, Etc., Etc.

also  
A Selection of Ladies Dresses, Stockings and Hand Bags.

Terms: As Customary  
LAMMERT BROS., Auctioneers.

## PUBLIC AUCTION

The undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

Friday, the 28th. March 1947 commencing at 2.30. P.M.

at their Sales Rooms No. 35 Hankow Road, Kowloon.

A FINE COLLECTION OF VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE comprising:—

Teakwood Extension Dining Tables, Sideboards, Glass Cabinets, Dining Chairs, Chesterfield Suite, Easy Armchairs, Office Writing Tables, Book Cases, Typist Tables, Wardrobes with Mirror, Dressing Table with Mirror & Stool, Set of Tea Pots, Small Side Table, Thermos Flasks, Aluminium Sauce Pans, Frying Pans, Rugs, Glass Ware, Cutlery, Table Lamps, Folding Card Tables, Babies Iron Cot, Chest of Drawers and





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## CHINA'S WAR

What will finally emerge from the steps to broaden the basis of the National Government of China and to arouse members of the Kuomintang to a stronger sense of loyalty to the party and to the nation is not easily to be predicted. Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek is plainly making a determined effort to win back the sympathy of the United States, and if American policy in Greece and Turkey may be taken as a pointer, with some prospects of success. The plans for the formation of a coalition government seem, at least at first glance, to advance the cause of constitutional democracy to an extent which is not to be discredited in advance of future developments. The sore spot, the civil war, nevertheless remains, with its plain intimation that China's genuine internal unity is as far off as ever. As soon as the Communists have abandoned their military policy, the conflict with the Reds is to be settled by political means, the manifesto asserts, but this only promises a relentless war against the Communist guerrillas until their bargaining power has been destroyed. The capture of Yenan, the Communist capital, has probably more moral than military significance. No very great struggle appears to have preceded its fall. That merely demonstrates the type of war the Communists are bent on prosecuting, guerrilla warfare in which the loss of any particular point is not of very great importance so long as armies escaped being annihilated. Its prototype is to be found in the Boer War when, after the fall of the capitals of the Orange Free State and the Transvaal, the Boers were able to maintain the struggle for quite a long time. That is what has to be faced in China. The loss of the main centre in which have been administered Communist affairs may cause them some inconvenience, but all the evidence goes to show that so long as they can keep their armies intact, dispersing under the menace of strength and reassembling to strike elsewhere, the Reds may be expected to keep up the struggle more or less indefinitely. That is the utility of it all. The Communists may consider they are fighting the Nationalist armies, as indeed they are, but the evil that arises is that the Chinese people are suffering in a manner which is proving disastrous for the whole of the country. It will be remembered that the saying was attributed to Hitler that, if he were defeated in the war he chose, he would drag down Europe with himself in ruin. He looks as though he has done something precious near that, and in China, while there are few indications that the Communists have any chance of lasting military success, the civil war is indeed dragging down the country. There is no sign of anything in the nature of an early termination of this struggle, and China which should by unity be availing herself of the opportunity to secure in Asia that economic position which once was Japan's, and with it corresponding prosperity, by frittering away her revenues in large-scale internecine warfare is slipping deeper and deeper into economic chaos. Disaster becomes more and more inevitable as the months pass. The Kuomintang in its efforts to mediate concessions to the Reds which might have enabled them to have had their say in how China shall be ruled had they been able to feel they could trust the Kuomintang. It may be that even now the Communists have the opportunity of making their peace with the Government and even of taking part in it. If that is indeed the case their duty to their country is surely that they should avail themselves of it, and if the reverse at Yenan could be made productive of such a result it might very well prove to be a great general blessing.

Before His Lordship the Chief Justice, Sir Henry Blackall, a noble prosecutor was yesterday entered by the Crown in the case of Teo Ching, who was charged with the murder of Wan Ping at Kowloon near Sai Kung in the New Territories on Sept. 10, 1946. The charge was accordingly dismissed.

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3. The Kurile Islands shall be handed over to the Soviet Union. It is understood that the agreement concerning Outer Mongolia and the ports and railroads referred to the above will require the concurrence of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek. The President will take measures in order to obtain this concurrence on advice from Marshal Stalin.

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Washington, Mar. 24. The State Department today made public the entire texts of the Teheran, Yalta and Potsdam Agreements, including the pact of February 11, 1946, by which the Kuriles, Southern Sakhalin and concessions in Manchuria were promised in return for Russia's entry into the war against Japan.

Beyond the revelation that Russia agreed at Teheran to go to war against Bulgaria if that nation attacked Turkey, the texts contained little of major import that had not been previously announced informally or through communiques.

It was disclosed that at Teheran on December 1, 1943, the Big Three were negotiating to bring Turkey into the war. A statement of the military conclusions of the Teheran conference said the conference:

"1. Agreed that partisans of Yugoslavia should be supported by supplies and equipment to the greatest possible extent.

"2. Agreed that from a military point of view it was desirable that Turkey should come into war on the side of the Allies before the end of the year.

"3. Took note of Marshal Stalin's statement that if Turkey found herself at war with Germany and, as a result, Bulgaria declared war on Turkey or attacked her, the Soviet would immediately be at war with Bulgaria.

"The conference further took note that this fact could be explicitly stated in the forthcoming negotiations to bring Turkey into the war."

Turkey declared war on Germany and Japan effective March 1, 1946.

The text of the Yalta Agreement regarding Japan says: "The 'Leaders of the three great powers—the Soviet Union, the United States of America and Britain—have agreed that in two or three months after Germany has surrendered and the war in Europe terminated, the Soviet shall enter into war against Japan on the side of the Allies on condition that:

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## Russia in Asia

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## TEHERAN, YALTA, POTSDAM

## State Department Releases Texts Of Agreements

German forces from transferring from the Eastern to the Western front."

The Big Three agreed then that they should "henceforth keep in close touch with each other in regard to impending operations in Europe."

## Dardanelles

The Potsdam Agreement by Stalin, Churchill, Attlee and Truman provided that the Montreux Convention governing the Dardanelles should be revised as "failing to meet present day conditions."

They said the next steps should be subject to direct conversations between each of the three governments and Turkey. These "next steps" to date have brought the Soviet demand on Turkey that Russia be given a direct share in the defence of the Dardanelles.

The United States and Britain opposed such arrangements.

The Yalta conference also discussed the Montreux Convention. The then Foreign Ministers, Edward Stettinius, Anthony Eden and V. M. Molotov, agreed that the question would be discussed at the next meeting in London.

The Soviets made it clear that they would put forth various proposals then. On the question of "dismemberment" of Germany, the Big Three agreed at Yalta that the surrender terms should include a section calling for "complete disarmament, demilitarization and dismemberment of Germany as a prerequisite of future peace and security."—United Press.

## Britain Not Giving Away Imperial Preference

London, Mar. 24.

Sir Stafford Cripps, President of the Board of Trade, told the House of Commons today that Britain would certainly not give away the interests of other Commonwealth countries in reducing Imperial Preferences enjoyed by them in the United Kingdom market.

Britain was equally sure that she could count on the Commonwealth countries treating her in the same way.

Opening the debate today on British trade, with special reference to Imperial Preference, Colonel Walter Elliot said it seemed odd that there was little reference to Empire markets in the White Paper outlining Britain's economic position.

"We think the organisation of Empire markets and trade arrangements which we have made within the Empire, which have been built up over a number of years, are of the very greatest importance and that it is very worth while that they should be maintained and encouraged. The policy of Imperial Preference should not only not be slighted, but should be fostered."

Half of Britain's manufacturers went to the Empire and it was difficult to believe that Britain's own prosperity would persist if these arrangements were seriously cut into.

## Great Benefit

Colonel Elliot contested the view that Preferences were restriction of trade. It was admitted by everyone that the Preferential arrangements had been of great benefit to the Empire. Some people said that this was grabbing and selfish. That was not so. It was not true that a stable area of trade was an injury to world trade. It had been of specific advantage to the United States.

Referring to the meeting of the Preparatory Committee of the United Nations Conference at Geneva next month, Mr. Elliot said that the objective was expansion of trade and production. The way to do it was to get to grips with a few people on specific problems rather than to enter into wide international conferences under which people could find ways to escape.

The development of Empire and colonial trade was far more fruitful than a conference of this kind.

## Liberal Opposition

The Liberal Member, Mr. R. Hopkin Morris, took the opposite view, declaring that one way to prevent Empire prosperity was by fostering Imperial Preferences.

It was not tariff restrictions which were a danger, but the device which every country had framed to control imports.

Sir Stafford Cripps said that Britain must no longer regard the Commonwealth and Empire as being divided into two parts—one, the manufacturing centre of this country and the other the vast agrarian and raw material area, with which Britain could carry out a policy of exchange for foodstuffs and raw material.

Today, many other parts of the Commonwealth had become manufacturing countries and desired to protect their infant industries as much against British as foreign goods.

## Picture Changing

The picture was changing. They all needed a variety of markets. Any idea of preservation of industrial development

## CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"Well, it's this way—I hafta be able to carry a girl over the threshold next month!"

## BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By Shepard Barclay

"The Authority on Authorities"

## MEASURING THE ENEMY

Strategy in war consists largely of adapting your own estimates of relative strength between your own forces and those of the enemy at various places and in various respects. It is the same in bridge. If you are playing in a tournament and a particularly strong pair—stronger than your own—comes to your table, the case may call for treatment different from what you would usually do against your equals or against an inferior combination.

SK 9  
H 7 6 5  
D 10 3 2  
C J 9 8 5 4

S 3 2 N 3 J 10 8 7 6 4  
H K Q 8 2  
D A Q 7 5  
C A K Q

S A Q 5  
H A J 10 4 3  
D K 4  
C 10 3 2

(Dealer: South. North-South vulnerable.)

South West North East  
1. 1H 1S Pass 1S  
Pass 1NT Pass 2S  
Pass 4S Pass 4S  
2. 1H 2D Pass 2S  
Pass 2NT Pass 3D

In a big duplicate pair game, most of the West players did their early bidding the same way as West in the first sequence above. They went on in similar vein, some reaching 4-Spades and some 3-No Trumps. And not one of those entries made his game contract.

At the remaining table, West was not a very experienced duplicate contestant, nor was his partner. But he did consider himself a fairly smart huncher. Against his pair at the time were a couple of famous national champions. He decided that the best way to give luck a chance for a good score, when he felt he could not earn it by sheer skill, was to underbid deliberately. His hope was that this was one of those hands that looked good for a lot of tricks, but would not produce them.

He realised that, practically everybody would double with his big hand, so he purposely underbid it when he made a mere overcall. Then he dropped the bidding after East's diamond take-out of No Trumps, since East did not jump. As it developed, he thus got a clear top score, as 10 tricks were taken at diamonds, the only plus for any East-West pair.

## Tomorrow's Problem

S A K 8 2  
H 10 3  
D 4  
C A K 10 9 8 3

S J H K Q J 7 2  
D 10 9 8 7  
C J 7 2

S 7 6 5  
H A 9 6 5 4  
D 10 3 2  
C None

(Dealer: South. North-South vulnerable.)  
What is North's correct response to South's 1-Heart after West passes?

## Mystery Girl's Mystery Language

Munich, Mar. 24. Simple bird-like sounds from the lips of a pretty 20-year-old amnesia victim may be the single clue to whether she is the well-bred daughter of a South American diplomat or perhaps just another "slave girl" from Eastern Europe.

"Glen-pour-asis," the tiny, black-haired beauty carefully enunciated as she tried to solve the mystery of her forgotten past.

prospect of that happening. If it was elimination of a particular Preference that might happen.

"Whatever is given up will be part of a mutually satisfactory bargain and that is the whole basis of the idea on the tariff side of the negotiations to take place at Geneva and of those preparatory talks at present going forward between the Commonwealth and Britain in London."

He concluded: "An international trade organisation is a logical and necessary complement to the International Monetary Fund and International Bank. It is a vital part in the postwar scheme of economic and financial cooperation, on the international plane, and to fall to go forward would be, I think, to tip the scales heavily in favour of a decent to restrictionism and uncontrolled economic conflict in the world and that would be equally dangerous to our standards of living and to international friendship and goodwill."

Sir Stafford Cripps applied that the Government saw no

In English it becomes a plaintive, lonely "I want to find my father."

And it was of her father that Henriette Debouys spoke when she first began babbling incoherently two years ago in an American hospital at Hof. She had dropped off a Russian refugee orphan, almost dead with hunger and her memory a total blank.

She was known as Henriette Debouys only because that was the name on many of her original papers. It may be correct and it may not.

She had described her father as a Chilean diplomat who brought her to Berlin before the war. Now she remembers nothing.

"Then she spoke French, English and some German. When asked if she knew any other language, she replied: 'In those birdlike sounds.'"

"It must be a simple language," said Henriette yesterday. "She could remember no word for mirror or chair or even a stove, for example. But she thinks she must have forgotten much of it. For she had no opportunity to converse with anyone in this strange tongue since she came out of her coma at Hof."

But "san-se-shor-o-bari" when translated literally speaks of smiling sun. It means, "the weather is nice today." "Could it be a little known Indian language of South America or the language of India itself?" A Munich University linguist who tried to identify it suggested that Henriette once babbled about her mother being a "native of India."

But it is a picture language, says a Munich scholar. "We are going to try to identify it."



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## An Expensive 300 Words

Washington, Mar. 24.  
Republican Representative Karl Mundt described Mr. William L. Clayton's statement to the Foreign Affairs Committee today as "the most expensive speech in the history of the world."

He said: "You have devoted only three hundred words to Turkey and since you ask for \$100,000,000, that figures out at \$333.333 per word. Let me congratulate you."

After laughter had subsided, Mr. Clayton replied: "I certainly did not use all the words that could be used on the subject." Representative Mundt proposed an amendment, earmarking \$10,000,000 of the \$100,000,000 credit to permit Greek and Turkish nationals to study in the United States and observe the American way of life, and democratic process. —Reuter.

## Ex-Minister Given Death Sentence

London, Mar. 24.  
The 66-year-old former Minister of Justice of South Wales, Thomas John Ley, and Lawrence John Smith (38), a London joiner, were today sentenced to death for the murder of John McMain Mudie, whose rope-bound body was found in a partly dug grave at a chalk pit near London on November 30.

The trial had taken five days at the Old Bailey.

Before sentence of death was passed, Ley told the judge:

"I am not surprised at the explanation of the allegations about jealousy, suspicion and motive and suchlike nonsense when you refuse to allow me to state in the box what I wanted to say. I am perfectly innocent. I regret very much that I have at my time of life suffered an injustice of this kind."

The Lord Chief Justice, Lord Goddard, summing up, told the jury:

"If you think that Ley was suffering from unreasoning jealousy for this woman you may think it throws a flood of light on the whole story."

In the final speech for the prosecution, Mr. Anthony Hawke asked: "Is it saying too much that at one particular stage this man was obsessed almost to the point of being unbalanced? By midsummer has not that poisonous suspicion become centred on this man Mudie?"

For Ley, Sir Walter Monckton said: "What a story it is of this old man of 66 years and an old woman of 66 years between whom there had been no familiar relations for ten years. It is hard to believe that there should have been such acute jealousy which would drive a man to crime."

Counsel for Smith described him as "just a simple joiner who has been debauched by this incident for the payment of £200."

Smith had stated in evidence that he helped to get Mudie into Ley's flat, but that he was not harmed.

Mrs. Ley, 66-year-old wife of accused, who flew from Australia to be present at her husband's trial, was in court most of the day, but had left when the verdict was announced.

Ley, who was one of the British Commonwealth representa-

## GREEK OFFER TO STALIN Free Port At Salonika For A Directive Neutral Zone On The Border

Cleveland, Mar. 24.

The Greek Foreign Minister Constantine Tsaldaris, in an exclusive interview granted in Athens to the Cleveland "Plain Dealer" correspondent, John Leacacos, appealed to Josef Stalin, "as chief of the world's largest and original Communist Party," to make a public declaration to followers of the Communist doctrine that in the interests of world peace Soviet Russia prefers a victory of Communist philosophy through peaceful, democratic means and popular elections rather than armed revolution and guerrilla warfare.

In return, M. Tsaldaris promised that Greece would consent to a free port in Salonika to give Yugoslavia and Bulgaria a commercial outlet on the Aegean.

He would also consent to an amnesty for all guerrillas who lay down their arms and participate in the new elections with a pledge that the Communists will be allowed to rule Greece if they win in free, popular elections.

It is understood the Communists must give a pledge to respect the victory of any other group in those elections if they lose.

For immediate peace along the Balkan frontiers where an UN inquiry mission has been examining responsibility, M. Tsaldaris suggested a Greek plan for a neutral zone of 10 to 20 miles wide on the Greek side of the frontiers into which guerrillas could safely penetrate to surrender their arms to American, British, French or Russian soldiers, and receive amnesty protection.

He pledged that Greece would allow the guerrillas to migrate, if they choose, once they lay down their arms.

As soon as the disarmament of the "rebels" is completed, new Greek elections would be called within three to six months.

M. Tsaldaris said: "French and Belgian Communists have won considerable power and influence through normal participation in the political life of their countries. Why cannot the Greek Communists do the same?" —United Press.

## Bank Of China Dismissals

Shanghai, Mar. 25.

Four employees of the Central Bank of China have been dismissed for the alleged purchase of gold bars which the Central Bank sold during the mid-February runaway market in an attempt to check soaring prices, it was revealed today.

The dismissed men included Wang Sung-tao, assistant manager of the banking department.

Several others were cautioned.

According to bank information the dismissed persons bought large quantities of gold bars at Central Bank dumping prices which are always lower than the blackmarket rate. —United Press.

## Indonesia Agreement

Batavia, Mar. 25.

Officials of the Dutch Government and Indonesian Republic have agreed to sign the Charter agreement on Tuesday, thus ending 19 months of revolution and bloodshed.

The ceremony will take place in the ancient Rijksijk Palace in Batavia.

Under the agreement, the Netherlands will recognize the sovereignty of the Indonesian Republic over Java, Sumatra and Madura.

In return, the Republic will affiliate with Borneo, Celebes and other Dutch islands in a United States of Indonesia. —Associated Press.

## MYSTERY GIRL'S MYSTERY LANGUAGE

(Continued from Page 4)

"ride a horse" in English. Actually in her strange language it paints the picture of a people who, in the presence of horses, do not use their feet.

Similarly, "hance-horle" means "I want a piece of bread." In Henriette's language it says, "I long for that which gives me life."

"Jan-co-esso" says "My father is a worker," "hance-sey" becomes "it is not today."

Although there are gaps in the language as Henriette knows it, parts of the words she knows are there on the tip of her tongue, fluent and sonorous.

A winsome smile comes to her pretty face when one suggests perhaps, this strange language may provide the clue to her real identity. How she acquired it, or her fluent French, her accent free English or her ready German for that matter remains a mystery. —United Press.

## BIG BEN SHINES

London, Mar. 25.

The lights of Big Ben, in the House of Parliament, were switched on again on Monday.

They were switched off two months ago when a shortage of electricity shut down industrial plants. The use of electricity in homes is still banned for five hours daily throughout Britain. — Associated Press.

## Attlee Invites Palaver

London, Mar. 24.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, in a concession to the "rebels" of the Parliamentary Labour Party, today invited all Labour MPs to give their views on Government's economic policy at a series of meetings.

The decision to hold a series of meetings on economic policy, with Mr. Hilary Marquand presiding, was taken at the regular meeting of the Parliamentary Labour Party today. —United Press.

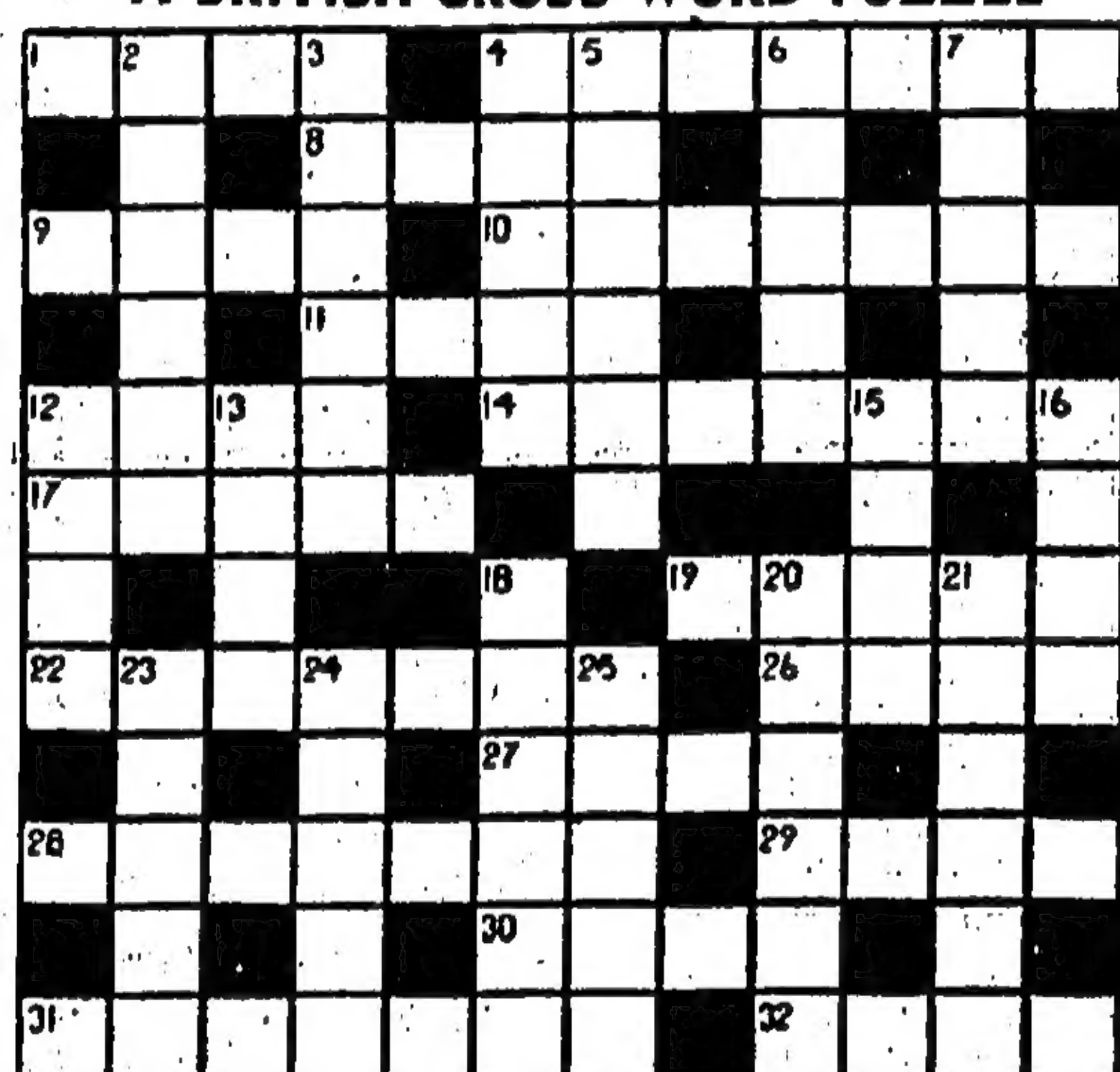
## That'll Be The Day

London, Mar. 25.

Whitehall sources said on Monday that they were "surprised" by the American Government's attitude on Cyprus.

One official, who refused to be identified, said: "It will be a relief to all of us in this country when some people in the United States overcome their tendency to be so liberal with territory that does not belong to them." —Associated Press.

## A BRITISH CROSS WORD PUZZLE



### Clues Across

1. Continent.
4. Trumpet.
5. Girl's name.
6. Type of voice.
7. Something left over.
8. Quarter of an acre.
9. Measure.
10. Annoyed.
11. Eat away.
12. Confide.
13. Let out.
14. Money.
15. Drawers.
16. Made three-fold.
17. Whirlpool.
18. Part of a harness.
19. Church of officers.
20. Large volume.

### Clues Down

2. Fusible alloy.
3. Beloved.
4. Sing soulfully.
5. Set of steps.
6. Sand off.
7. Small weight.
8. Small lake.
9. Racecourse.
10. Come into.
11. Torrid.
12. Surface impression.
13. Behind at sea.
14. Give.
15. Sound sense.
16. Tend.
17. Refute.
18. Sea motions.
19. Shuns.
20. Climbs.

### Yesterday's Crossword

- ACROSS: 1. Roller; 5. Psalm; 8. Curt; 9. Cloth; 10. Error; 11. Obese; 12. Ache; 13. Sates; 14. Schen; 15. Lacked; 16. Sent; 17. Fell; 18. Siren; 19. Star; 20. Climb.



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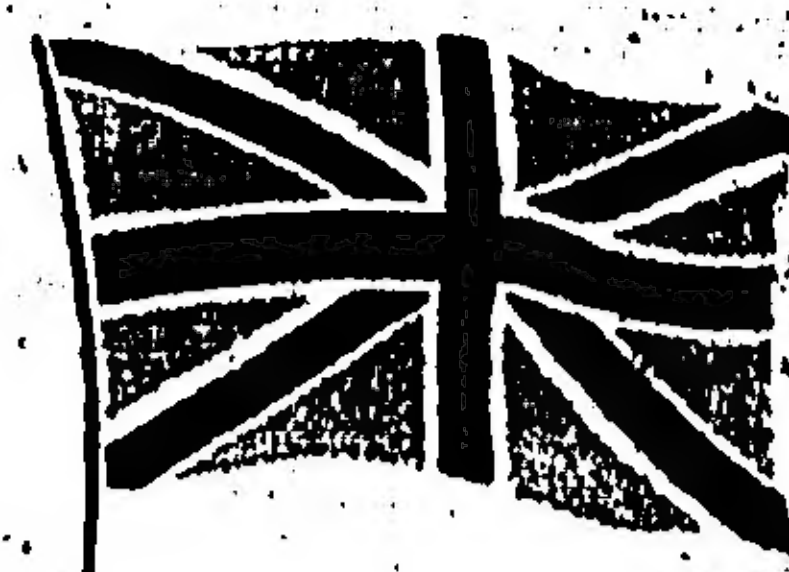
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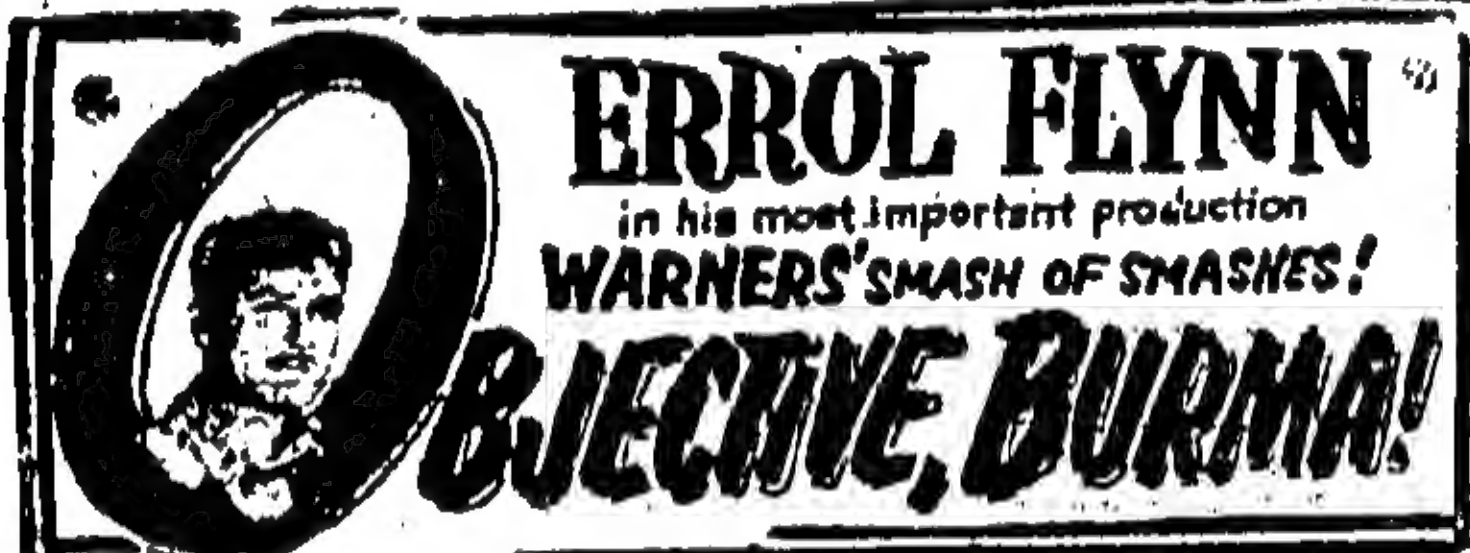
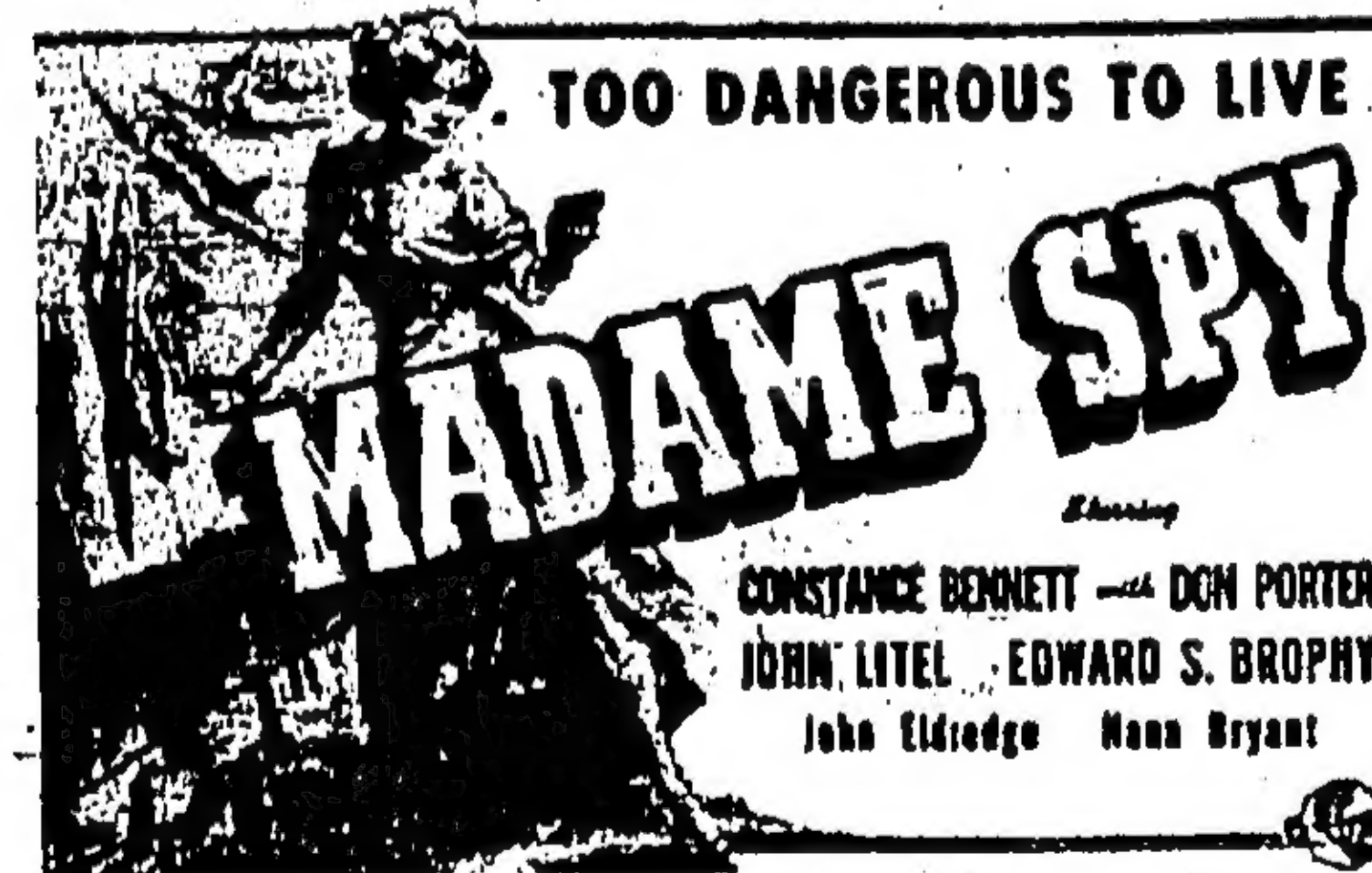
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# SPANISH LEFTISTS SPLIT OVER MONARCHY

Paris, Mar. 24.  
Spanish Republicans split widely today over the  
issue of collaborating with Don Juan and the  
monarchists for the overthrow of the Franco  
regime and reestablishment of a king in Spain.Don Juan's representative,  
Senor Julio Lopez Olivan, who  
came specially from London to  
negotiate an agreement with the  
Republicans, found strong senti-  
ment among Left Republicans in  
favor of a referendum on the  
monarchy as soon as the exiles  
can return, but the Negren wing  
of the Socialists, Alvarez del Vayo'sfollowers and the Communists  
continue to oppose any recogni-  
tion of the monarchists.Don Juan, though seeking an  
accord with the Republicans, has  
turned down every Franco over-  
ture thus far. Nevertheless, Mad-  
rid dispatches today reported that  
the Political Council of the  
Falange has approved a restora-  
tion plan in which Franco would  
select a "Council of the Kingdom"  
to consist of the President of the  
Cortes, the Minister of War, the  
Archbishop of Toledo, a senior  
general and a representative of  
the nobility.  
The Council would be charged  
with transferring authority from

## OFFICERS ON TRIAL

Düsseldorf, Mar. 24.  
Eight British senior Control  
Commission officers went on  
trial in a Military Govern-  
ment court with four Ger-  
mans today, charged with  
conspiracy to obtain sale of  
cotton and other consumer  
goods.  
It was the first such case  
in the history of the occupa-  
tion.—United Press.The Franco regime to a monarchy  
by peaceful means.  
The plan must still get Don  
Juan's approval and then be de-  
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# Voodoo And Lion-Men In Tanganyika

Dar-es-Salaam, Mar. 24.  
Gangs of "lion men" who kill under the hypnotic  
influence of native witch-doctors and mark  
their victims in the manner of lions are ter-  
rorizing the Singida district of Tanganyika,  
with at least 40 murders.The police are holding three  
suspected "lion men" for trial  
and are investigating others, but  
so far have found no official ex-  
planation for the outbreak of  
killings.White residents of Singida be-  
lieve, however, that the two na-  
tive chiefs of the district are at  
fault.The killers dress themselves in  
lion skins and attack their vic-  
tims with knives, leaving long  
wounds resembling the marks  
of lion teeth and claws. The police  
have been hampered in their in-  
vestigation by the recent in-  
creased activity of man-killing,  
four-footed lions, whose victims  
are sometimes indistinguishable  
from those of the lion men.The police found evidence that  
the killers are paid from US\$3-34  
for each murder. Both the victimsand the killers belong to the pri-  
mitive Wanyaturu tribe in the  
village of Mgori, about 20 miles  
from Singida.Friends and relatives of the  
victims refuse to give informa-  
tion to the police for fear they  
will be next on the lion men's  
list. Only one victim has been  
discovered who recovered from  
an attack and she immediately  
changed her story to say it was a  
real lion that scratched and bit  
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## Rabaul

### Massacres

Rabaul, Mar. 24.  
Charged with killing Chinese  
prisoners, Major-General Hirota  
told the war crimes court here to-  
day that "my orders were not un-  
derstood.""I ordered Chinese patients  
who had rested over three days  
to be fully reposed. This seems to  
have been understood by some as  
directing that such patients  
should be killed," he said.  
Yozo Shimura, a Formosan  
sentenced to death, gave evidence  
that the massacre of Chinese and  
British prisoners was ordered by  
Hirota.Lieutenant Chint Singh, an  
Indian Army witness and former  
prisoner, today asked the pro-  
secution to protect him against  
Japanese attempts to kill him and  
prevent identification. Singh is  
one of the 100 survivors of three  
thousand Indians who were ar-  
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The Agriculture Minister followed Mr. Strachey to report on the enormous damage done to food crops by the current floods. He said, it was still impossible to assess the total results.

"All the resources of the Government are placed without stint at the disposal of local authorities," he said, calling the situation one of "national emergency."

"The inundations following the delays and loss caused by the autumn rains and the frost and snow of January and February can only be described as a disaster of the first magnitude, which cannot fail to have the most serious effect on home food production this year."—United Press.

**Liner Fire  
Disaster**Newcastle-on-Tyne, Mar. 24.  
The cause of the disastrous fire in the 22,000-ton liner *Monarch of Bermuda*, being restored for passenger service in a dry dock at Hebburn-on-Tyne, remain a mystery. No work has been done on the vessel since Friday.

The fire burned fiercely over two-thirds of her length for five decks down and the damage has been so extensive that a decision will have to be taken whether it will not be more economic to build a new vessel than rest the charred shell.

Hundreds watched the blaze from both sides of the river.—Reuter.

**CONTROL OF JAPAN**

Tokyo, Mar. 25.

American authorities planning Japan's future say that industrial disarmament can best be accomplished by controlling imports of steel and petroleum.

Japan lacks iron and oil. If imports of these materials were controlled, and production permitted only by licence, Japan would not be able to obtain the materials necessary for military strength.—Associated Press.

**Foreign Ministers  
Take Day Off**

Moscow, Mar. 25.

The Big Four Foreign Ministers took the second successive day off from the conferences to analyse what has been done so far and plan what to do next.

Diplomatic officials profess to see a major clash developing over the essential differences between the plan for the German Government as outlined by the Soviet Foreign Minister, M. Molotov and those outlined by Gen. Marshall and Mr. Bevin.

These proposals show that the Soviet wants to build the Government from the top down while United States and Britain want to construct it from the bottom up.

Americans and Britons privately express the belief that Russia is seeking a system under which the big powers could virtually handpick the first group of German authorities in the hope that she could thereby attain greater Communist representation and influence.

Westerners said the Soviet Union would give the Central Government dominance over the State Governments.

The British and American powers would reserve all the powers to the State Governments not specifically granted to the Central administration.

The Soviet view as expressed in "Izvestia" is that the Westerners really seek to organise Germany favourably to exploitation by capitalists who would then spread their influence throughout Europe.

A counterchange from Anglo-American sources was that Moscow is already directing a campaign to turn the Germans toward Russia.

The real issues are seen as reflecting a world wide split between the East and West and a deep suspicion that is hampering work on common problems.

Best informed Western authorities say the task ahead is enormous. They express doubt that the conference will produce final definite decisions on the major German issues.

They reiterate the hope that the Austrian treaty may be completed in Moscow.

The talks on Germany have so far produced so many conflicting viewpoints that nobody can see a way out.

The proposals made on German economy show these main issues:

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**Government  
Stocks Fall**

London, Mar. 24.

There was no change in the mood of British Government securities, which soon continued their downward trend and after a short midday halt resumed their fall in final dealings.

In a number of instances, one point losses were incurred. This unsettled other securities, home and overseas, industries closing around the lowest of the day while there was pressure to sell.

South African gold and copper shares fell ground but closed above the lowest with Cape support more noticeable near the end of the day.

Home rails followed the general trend, both for junior and prior issues but South American railways were comparatively steady where changed.

International issues were dull in sympathy with other sections. Foreign bonds resisted the move.

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Batavia, Mar. 25.

Judge M. L. Swaab, of the Dutch Land Court, today confirmed the confiscation by the N. E. L. Government of the US \$3,000,000 cargo of the Martin Behrman and ordered costs of the legal proceedings to be paid by the ship's captain.—Associated Press.

ment better, than most markets with Brazilian displaying firmness. Rubbers were also better in place but tea was irregular.

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### Australian Who Worked For Japs

London, Mar. 25. Torture suffered by an Australian in a Japanese jail after he had refused to continue broadcasting for them in Tokyo during the war was described at the Central Court today when John Joseph Holland, aged 39, a seaman, pleaded guilty to ten charges of doing acts likely to assist the enemy and with intent to assist the enemy.

## Jewish Call For Discipline

(By John Calder, Reuters Correspondent)

Jerusalem, Mar. 24. The Jewish Agency Executive, in a statement issued here tonight, "summoned the dissident groups throughout Palestine to accept national discipline."

The statement, issued after ten days of discussion, added "The Zionist movement and its organisations will extend full aid to the Yishuv (the Jewish Community) in its efforts against terrorism."

The Jewish Agency said it will maintain its uncompromising stand against British policy, which it describes as "the root cause of the lawless situation prevailing in Palestine," and summoned Jews in Palestine and elsewhere to "rally their forces and unite in the struggle for the creation of a Jewish state in Palestine."

Describing the British Government proposal to bring the Palestine problem before the United Nations as "a most significant political deviation," the statement continued:

"If Palestine's problem is brought before the United Nations organisation the whole issue will emerge from the confines of the controversy between the Jewish people and the British mandatory Government and become a matter for international responsibility."

"The Jewish Agency will demand the solution of the Palestine problem which will enable the Jewish people to assume representative to appear before the United Nations. They will insist on a full exchange of the mandate as long as Britain remains in authority in Palestine," the Agency said.—Reuters.

## Hanged At Eighth Attempt

Accra, Mar. 24. Three of the West Africans condemned for ritual murder were executed this afternoon. The case of the other two is due to be dealt with tomorrow.

The executions had been stopped early this morning—five minutes before they were to have taken place—when Habens Corpus writs were served. This was the seventh time they had been saved from the gallows and their counsel then stated that an appeal would be made to the Privy Council.

The men were sentenced on December 1, 1944 for the murder of Sybil Ayres Mensah who, according to the prosecution, was killed on the day of the funeral of the Paramount Chief of the Kibi tribe, Sir Ofori Atta, so that human blood could be poured on the throne.

Eight men were originally condemned but one died in prison and two others were reprieved. Three of the eight were sons of Sir Ofori and the other five were "throne sons."

Those hanged today were Aaron Eugene Bokye, Bankwa, Accra, a business man and eldest son of Sir Ofori, Kwasi Piplim, grandson of the previous chief and "drummer of the talking drums" at the palace, and Kwame Kanya.—Reuters.

## THIRSTY DAYS AHEAD

Dublin, Mar. 25. Guinness, brewers of the world renowned stout and porter, announced today that spring days will be thirsty days in Ireland.

Guinness said that from April 1 dealers will receive only half their present allocations of the two brews because of the fuel shortage. Supplies at present are 70 per cent of last year's and Guinness warned a further reduction in output could be expected unless the fuel position improved soon.—United Press.

## Another Loan From America?

London, Mar. 25. Britain's spring food, wiping out crop prospects over many acres, brought talk today that Britain may seek another American loan.

The Government, however, is keeping its own counsel on the subject. Coming on top of the February industrial crisis which slowed the nation's export drive, the floods make it unlikely that the English and Welsh farmers can make a dent in their country's big overseas food bill.

An American loan negotiated a year ago placed \$3,750,000, 000 to Britain's credit. The latest reports showed about \$900,000,000 of this has been used by the British Government.

It is estimated Britain will import \$2,000,000,000 worth of food and agricultural supplies this year—much of it from Canada and other dollar areas.

This means a big drain on the loan unless exports to the dollar areas and home production can alleviate the situation.—Associated Press.

## Why We Lost, By Gibb

Perth, Mar. 25. On the arrival of the ship Laros Bay, Paul Gibb, England wicket-keeper, said that the failure of England in the Test was due mainly to the team's inability to concentrate, which he attributed to the long period most players were away from the game before coming to Australia. "Although we tried hard, most of us at times found ourselves lapsing from concentration and this is the reason why our chances often got out at about 30%."

Also on the Laros Bay was George Tribe, Australia's Test spin bowler, who is travelling to England to join the Lancashire League cricket. He said that he had accepted the League's offer because it offered the brightest financial future available.—Reuters.

**Irony** Mr. Kilson said that Holland had honestly believed that the Australian position was hopeless and that the Empire was crumbling. The Japanese were spreading their tentacles everywhere and he tried to persuade the Australians to save themselves.

The irony was, said Mr. Kilson, that this man had suffered severe punishment by the Japanese for an act for which he was now awaiting sentence again.

Binding Holland over for five years, the Lord Chief Justice said: "You lent yourself to the Germans and then to the Japanese and lending yourself to the Japanese was the cause of your downfall. You thought you could have some influence on the policy of Australia."—Reuters.

## MORE TO COME?

Canberra, Mar. 25. Dr. Herbert V. Evatt, Minister for External Affairs, replying to a question in Parliament today, said that the secret agreements entered into by the Big Three during the war had greatly affected and prejudiced the peace settlement.

He said that it was impossible to say whether the end had been heard of such agreements. (The United States State Department yesterday published the texts of the secret agreements that were included in the protocols of the Tehran, Yalta and Potsdam conferences).—Reuters.

## CHICO MARX TO RETIRE

Las Vegas, Nevada, Mar. 25. Comedian Chico Marx, who was 56 last Saturday, has disclosed that he suffered a heart attack and plans to retire from show business.

Until his retirement announcement last night, it has been "on with the show" for the funny-man since he suffered an attack on the open night of March 19 of a 10-12 night engagement in a hotel.

## EUROPEAN OFFICERS IN COURT

An allegation that a Chinese tailor, Hui Wal-man, 32, was induced by three European officers on board the m/v "Hickory Brook" to accept six barrels of lubricating oil and five cylinders of Freon gas as payment for a debt owing him was made by DSI J. Johnson before Mr. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday.

Five officers of the ship and Hui were prosecuted on charges of larceny of the oil and gas on March 10. Hui was additionally charged with receiving the goods at Taitook Sugar Refinery wharf on the Crown's case was that the first accused is a tailor holding a permit to go on board ships for the purpose of canvassing for business. On March 9 he went aboard the "Hickory Brook" to collect some money due to him from three of the European officers, according to his statement to the Police, and was offered a certain proposition.

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## Rest Team To Play Britain

Paris, Mar. 24. A 15-man soccer team was chosen today after an all-day sitting of the FIFA Selection Committee as the "Rest of Europe" team, to meet Great Britain in Glasgow on May 10.

The team practices in Rotterdam on May 6 against the Dutch national team. The selection is as follows: Goalkeepers—Jensen (Denmark), Julien Darul (France); Backs—Willie Steffen (Switzerland), Harry Nilsson (Sweden), Paul Petersen (Denmark); Halfbacks—Johnny Carey (Ireland), Parola (Italy), Ludl (Czechoslovakia), S. Jokesh (Austria); Forwards—Karl Preet (Denmark), Karl Hansen (Denmark), Gunnar Nordahl (Sweden), Gunnar Gren (Sweden), Ernst Melchior (Austria), Servaes Wilkes (Austria); Manager—Karel Lotay; Coach—Karl Rappan.—United Press.

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## National Call-Over

London, Mar. 24. The Victoria Club call-overs for the Lincolnshire Handicap on Wednesday: 100 to 9 Whittingham-Wake taken and offered, 13 to 1 Vagabond offered, 14 to 1 taken. 20 to 1 Poolefs taken and offered, 22 to 1 one Rivinc and Queneville, both taken and offered, 22 to 1 Ourgan—offered, 25 to 1 taken. 23 to 1 Persian Book and Effervescence, both taken and offered, 25 to 1 taken. 23 to 1 Prince Charles, both offered, 33 to 1 taken. 33 to 1 Tranquator taken and offered, 33 to 1 Jean's Star and Rot-D'Aout, both offered, 40 to 1 bar 34, offered.

Grand National running next Saturday: 8 to 1 Prince Regent, 10 to 1 Bricett, 22 to 1 Roveley, all taken and offered. 23 to 1 Luan Casc, offered. 23 to 1 Silver Fame and Loughconn, both offered, 33 to 1 taken. 23 to 1 Domino and House Warner, both offered, 33 to 1 taken. 33 to 1 Musical Lad taken and offered, 33 to 1 taken. 33 to 1 Kam offered, 33 to 1 taken. 33 to 1 Halcyn offered, 40 to 1 taken. 40 to 1 Jack Finlay, Gorman's Town and Kilda Glory, all offered, 50 to 1 taken.

## Widow On Charge Of Harboring

How a 10-year-old lad was accidentally recovered by his father's clansman almost a year after he was kidnapped, was told by Mr. W. H. Fraser, of the S.C.A., at Central yesterday when Leung Sze, 40, widow, was charged before Mr. Sheldon, K.C., with harbouring Wong Pak-hung between May 8, 1946, and Mar. 3, 1947.

Mr. Fraser said the chief culprit in the kidnapping was a man who had not been arrested. The kidnapping took place on May 8, 1946, in the street. A report was made by his father, Wong Wing-tong, of No. 88, Eastern Street, to No. 7 Police Station on May 10.

At 7 p.m. on March 10, last, the lad was seen by his father's clansman boarding a junk near a wharf in Mongkok with a bottle in his hand. He immediately notified Wong Wing-tong who went to the junk and recovered his son.

According to the lad's story, Mr. Fraser said, he was kidnapped by a man who took him to Kowloon. They slept in the street for two nights, after which he was handed over to the defendant. He said he saw the woman passing money to the man. Since the lad was taken over by accused, Mr. Fraser added, he was very well treated and even allowed to attend school. The widow had taken the lad in under her family name.

The widow admitted having paid \$5 as lucky money to the man, but he, Mr. Fraser said, suspected that more than lucky money was paid to the kidnapper.

## City Planning Rescued

London, Mar. 24. The Court of Appeals today rescued the Government's £50,000,000 plan to decentralize Britain's big cities and establish 16 satellite towns.

The Court allowed the appeal of the Town and Country Planning Minister, Mr. Lewis Silkin, against a lower court decision quashing his order for compulsory acquisition of 6,100 acres, including the town of Stevenage, Hertford, for the first of the proposed satellite towns.

It was held that the lower court erred in upholding the contention of a group of Stevenage taxpayers that Mr. Silkin showed bias in his order. Leave was given to appeal to the House of Lords.

Under the Government's plan, it will buy out all property owners in the Stevenage area and establish a town with its own industries supporting a much greater population, drawn off, in part, from London.—United Press.

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## FORTHCOMING WEDDINGS

The forthcoming weddings are announced of: Thomas Sydney Douglas Whitley, civil servant, French Mission, to End Watson, Matilda, Hotel, the Peak. William Eric Tan, chemist, 8 Jordan Road, to Ella Wong, 26 Shouson Hill. James Riley Wynyard, mechanic, 48 Hillwood Road, to Iolanda Maria Azodo, Typist, of the same address.

John Gray Robertson, Radiographer, Medical Department, to Lillian Mary Scott, Nursing Sister, 20 Tunks Street, Waverton, Sydney, New South Wales, Australia.

The ceremony was attended by a small group of the hospital's personnel, doctors and friends. Robert Jones, French Consul in Hong Kong, gave a short dedication speech and cut the blue ribbon at the hospital door.

## Scratchings

Three Grand National entries were officially scratched today, eliminating possibility that the race would equal the record starting field of 66 in 1929.

War Risk, Chaka and the Irish-trained Prince Kamil dropped out of the field today. War Risk, offered at 25-1 at the last call-over, broke down in training while being schooled by Bruce Hobbs, who rode Battle to victory in the 1936 Grand National.—United Press.

## Overcharging Case Dismissed

"I do not take such a serious view of overcharges on cigarettes and other luxury goods as I do of cases involving patented medicines, milk, and other things which the average person has to buy," declared Mr. W. H. Latimer yesterday when he dismissed a summons, issued at the instance of the Price Control Office of the S.T.L., against Mui Ching of the Wah Lock Yuen, 100 Prince Edward Road, for selling one tin of "Abdulla Imperial Preference" magnums for \$2.50, 20 cents above the controlled price. His Worship held the view that there was the possibility of a genuine mistake having been made by the seller.

## Silk Store Robbery

On Lai Kwan alias Lai Shing-kwan, 21, casual coolie, being remanded until 230 p.m. on March 31, by Mr. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday, S/C J. Askew informed His Worship that the complainants have been pastoring him for the return of the goods recovered by the Police. The owners, said S/C Askew, asked for the merchandise on the grounds that the prices are going down and that the goods might deteriorate.

His Worship stated that, subject to an inventory being made of the goods recovered, he could see no reason why they should not be returned to the owners, provided a sample of each item was taken as exhibits when the case comes on for hearing. The articles mentioned in the second charge against accused must, however, be retained by the Police, added His Worship.

Defendant was charged with stealing and abetting Li Yuk in breaking into the Krishna Silk Store, 28 Bankow Road, between 10 p.m. on Feb. 21 and 10 a.m. on Feb. 22 and removing therefrom goods and money to the value of \$30,000, and with receiving at the Star Ferry Wharf one woollen cardigan, one pair socks and one cash cheque for \$60.

## Sentence On Robbers

Lau Mui alias Tung Kung-tai, Chan Wo and Chan Chim, who appeared before Mr. Justice Williams (Pulse Judge) at yesterday's Criminal Sessions, were found guilty by a jury on a charge of robbery by two or more.

Lau Mui received a sentence of six years' imprisonment with hard labour and 12 strokes of the cane. Chan Wo and Chan Chim each received an eight-year sentence and 12 strokes of the cane.

Lo Sheung, charged with the same offence, was found not guilty, but an order was made that he be kept in custody pending instructions from the Attorney General.

## G.O.C. AT ROTARY

A full house at yesterday's Rotary Club luncheon listened to a highly interesting talk given by Hong Kong's G.O.C., Major-General G.W.E.J. Eskeing, C.B., D.S.O., on "Security in relation to the Rest of Europe."

On the conclusion of the talk the speaker was thanked by Rotarian Geo. D. Hepper, who said they had listened to an intellectual treat and that General Eskeing had shown a remarkable knowledge of his subject.

## RADIO

ZBW Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 845 kilocycles from 12.30 to 2.00 p.m. and 6.30 to 11.00 p.m. and also on 9.62 megacycles in the 31 metre band from 12.30 to 1.15, 6.30 to 7.30 and 9.00 to 11.00 p.m.

12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary. 12.35 p.m.—Variety. 1.00 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements. 1.10 p.m.—Orchestral Interlude. 1.15 p.m.—"River Reveries"—Songs and Music of the River. 1.35 p.m.—"A Piano and A Violin"—Maurice Hone (Piano) and Fritz Kreisler (Violin). 2.00 p.m.—Close Down. 2.05 p.m.—Monte Rey, Black Miller and Joe Low and His Orchestra. 7.00 p.m.—London Relay: World News. 7.10 p.m.—London Relay: Home News from Britain. 7.15 p.m.—"We Sing for You"—Gwen Gately and Lull Fort. 7.30 p.m.—Studio: "I Drink You Music"—Classical, Baroque, Programme arranged by Lynn Fraser. 8.00 p.m.—London Relay: News. 8.10 p.m.—Studio: "Radio Nightingale Club"—with Bernard Gordon and His D.S.O. "Singing"—Presented by Bernard Gordon. 8.30 p.m.—"Stars Parade"—Film and Music Favourites of Today and Tomorrow. 10.15 p.m.—London Transcription: "The Day After"—Paul Tinsley, Richard "In which" Vincent Edwards. 10.45 p.m.—"Folksong Melodist"—12.00 p.m.—Close Down.